

Ontarians will need life-long learning



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"Life-long Learning." Be prepared, this is a phrase that you are going to hear more often in the future. As the new global economy emerges Ontario is going to have to adjust to measuring ourselves by world standards rather than national or provincial standards.

We are going to be competing daily in a world marketplace that emphasises ideas as well as commodities. As David Peterson indicated at a recent conference on the competitiveness of the Canadian economy, our future success will probably have a great deal more to do with the knowledge between our ears than the resources beneath our feet.

Our most valuable commodity is going to be our human resources. As a province it is going to be our ability to handle education, skills training and labor adjustment that will determine the success of our economy and ensure the maintenance of our present standard of living. Education is going to become everyone's business.

Ontario's education system is already moving to meet the new challenges of the '90s. We are renewing our curriculum and our teaching profession. In the elementary grades we are focusing on the basic tools of learning: literacy, numeracy and problem solving. Classes will be smaller to help ensure that these crucial early years are effective and enjoyable.

In the middle and senior grades a new emphasis will be placed on science and technology in addition to the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics. We already know that science, technology and computers will play a larger role in the future. We must ensure that today's students are able to deal with the new technology which will continue to shape our lives.

The colleges and universities of Ontario have become active participants of this new way of thinking about education. The Premier's Council High Technology Fund has committed \$50 million per year to foster partnerships between post-secondary institutions and the private sector

in research and development.

In this rush to be competitive in the future we must not forget our present workforce. Workplace skills training, retraining and skills upgrading must become part of a life-long experience and investment. Already, schools, colleges and universities are beginning to work closely with business, labor and community groups to develop co-op and apprenticeship programs tailored to specific needs.

Older Ontarians are looking to education as a way to broaden their options and further their careers. Adult students are taking advantage of part-time courses to continue their education while they work. In 1989 alone, 90,000 part-time students were enrolled in post-secondary institutions.

If Ontario is going to stay competitive we must use all our human resources to their fullest. To do that, all sectors of society - business, labor, community groups and government - must work in partnership.

In my father's day you received your education when you were young and then were expected to get on with the rest of your life. Today, education is becoming the rest of your life. As the speed of change increases the need for new skills and knowledge to cope with that change becomes crucial.

Education must become everyone's business. Our ability to survive and prosper in the future is going to depend on our ability to make education a life-long learning experience.

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The branch mourns the passing of our comrade Gerald McRea on Dec. 24. A former resident of town, he had recently moved to Hawkstone, Ontario. Our comrade served with the Royal Canadian Signal Corps in Europe during the Second World War. On his return to civilian life, Gerry served as a court officer at the County Court in Milton. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and many friends at this time.

FRIDAY NIGHT EUCHRE: Your attendance is still requested on Friday nights if you want a social game of euchre. This week's winners - High lady - Isobel Landry, second - Myrtle Zilio, most lone hands - Marlene Haskins. High gent - Bob McTaggart, second - Peter Warburton, most lone hands - Bert Porter.

CAR CLUB: Jan. 18 draw - 21 Dan Sweeney, 476 Wayne French, 140 Alex Tough, 185 Margie Shorthill and Ella Morton, 423 Bill Kirk and 187 Ray Ackroyd.

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Auxiliary wins zone cribbage

By FLO CARSWELL
Legion Auxiliary

Zone Crib in Acton on Saturday, Jan. 20, produced a winning team for Georgetown. Georgetown "D" of Jean Reid and Nadene Bradley placed first, Erin placed second, Acton placed third, Brampton was Low team.

Draw prizes were won by Nadene Bradley, Lucille Ryall and Vi Hewett.

Don't forget the event for the "Talking Books for the Blind" on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Also on that date is Zone Darts in Cooksville. Feb. 3 Darts to qualify for District at Bronte. Rita Rudiger is your contact for these two events.

We had an initiation of one new member at the meeting on Thursday. Welcome to Ivy King.

Jean Roshier and Lil Kirley are in Georgetown hospital. Bub Waites is in hospital in London. She has had her operation and from information received, she is coming along fine.

Cel Reid and Glad Reid are both home and feeling much better.

On behalf of the Auxiliary, I extend condolences to Myra Peasey on the death of her sister.



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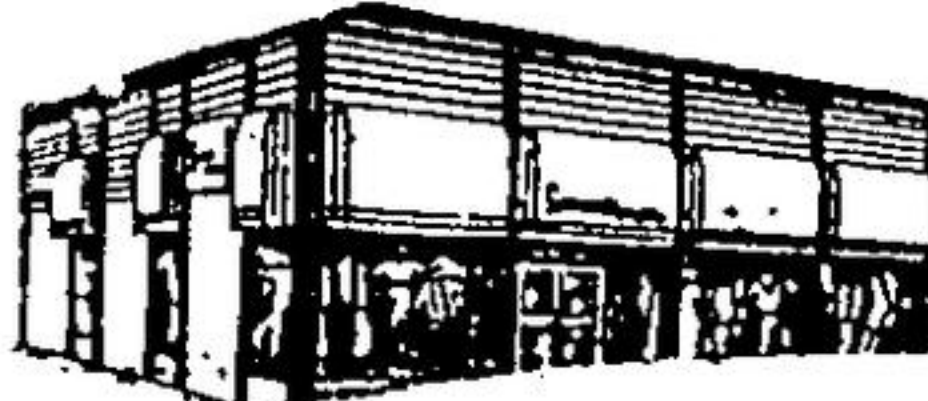
The 756 Squadron, Air Cadet function planned for February 24th has, due to circumstances beyond our control, been changed to February 17th, 1990. It will still be held at Branch 120 on Mill Street in Georgetown.

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